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SUBJECT: REPLACEMENT FOR UNSYG'S REPRESENTATIVE TO CCD

REF: (A) USUN 4653; (B) USUN 4731; (C) USUN 4738
(ALL NOTAL)

1. IN CONSIDERING QUESTION OF REPLACEMENT FOR PASTINEN AS
SYG'S SPECIAL REP TO CCD, BRIEF BACKGROUND ON POSITION MAY
BE USEFUL. WHEN ENDC, CCD'S PREDECESSOR WAS ESTABLISHED,
US AND USSR AGREED THEY WOULD ASK SYG TO NAME SPECIAL REP
TO COMMITTEE; SINCE THEN THERE HAS BEEN UNDERSTANDING THAT
SYG'S NOM H WOULD BE MUTUALLY ACCEPTABLE TO BOTH CO-
CHAIRMAN, WHO FROM OUTSET HAVE PLAYED LEADING ROLE IN
RUNNING CONFERENCE.

2. SYG'S SPECIAL REP NOMINALLY, AND IN LARGE MEASURE
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FACTUALLY, PERFORMS FACILITATIVE FUNCTION, E.G., ENSURING ADEQUATE CONFERENCE SERVICES AND ASSISTING IN PRODUCTION OF COMMITTEE'S REPORT TO UNGA. HOWEVER, CERTAIN INCUMBENTS IN POSITION HAVE FURNISHED US AND WESTERN GROUP USEFUL INFORMATION ON VIEWS AND PROSPECTIVE POLICIES OF OTHER GROUPS WITHIN CCD AND IN A FEW INSTANCES HAVE PROVIDED HELPFUL INFORMAL LIAISON SERVICES BETWEEN VARIOUS MEMBERS AND GROUPS.

3. STATUS AND DEGREE OF INDEPENDENCE OF SPECIAL REP HAVE VARIED. HOWEVER, IT IS SAFE TO SAY THAT SPECIAL REP'S FREEDOM FROM INTERNAL UN SECRETARIAT PRESSURES HAS BEEN GREATER WHEN REP APPOINTED FROM OUTSIDE ANKS OF SECRETARIAT'S DISARMAMENT DIVISION. THAT DIVISION IS SUBORDINATE TO UNDR SYG FOR POLITICAL AND SECURITY AFFAIRS (TRADITIONALLY A SOVIET NATIONAL), AND IN AT LEAST ONE CASE THIS LED TO HIGHLY AWKWARD SITUATION WHEN USYG APPEARED IN GENEVA AND SOUGHT TO PREEMPT ACTING SPECIAL REP'S POSITION.

4. EXPERIENCE WITH PASTINEN HAS BEEN HIGHLY SATISFACTORY, LEADING US TO HAVE PREFERENCE FOR SUCCESSOR WHO IS CITIZEN OF EUROPEAN NEUTRAL COUNTRY NOT CCD MEMBER. THIS WOULD SEEM TO OFFER OPTIMUM COMBINATION OF ESSENTIAL SYMPATHY WITH WESTERN VIEWPOINTS AND INDEPENDENCE FROM ORIENTATION TOWARD ANY PARTICULAR CCD DELEGATION. WITHIN THIS CATEGORY WE WOULD PREFER ANOTHER QUALIFIED FINN. WE THINK WE SHOULD SEEK TO BE RESPONSIVE TO GOF'S CONTINUED INTEREST IN HAVING ROLE IN MULTILATERAL DISARMAMENT ACTIVITIES. WITHIN OBVIOUS POLICY CONSTRAINTS, FINNS HAVE FREQUENTLY BEEN HELPFUL

IN DISARMAMENT MATTERS; ENCOURAGING THEIR CANDIDACY FOR PASTINEN SUCCESSION WOULD SEEM APPROPRIATE ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF OUR APPRECIATION.

5. IN VIEW OF ABOVE CONSIDERATIONS, BJORNERSTEDT WOULD BE DISTINCTLY LESS DESIRABLE. HIS APPOINTMENT WOULD SEEM TO ENTAIL INEVITABLE RISK OF UNDULY CLOSE IDENTIFICATION WITH SWEDISH CCD DEL AS WELL AS SOME POSSIBILITY OF UNHELPFUL PRESSURES ON HIM FROM SKILLFUL AND ENERGETIC SOVIET CONFIDENTIAL

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6. ESPECIALLY UNDER CURRENT CIRCUMSTANCES, WE WOULD REGARD INDIAN NOMINEE AS UNDESIRABLE. INDIAN CANDIDATE MIGHT WELL FEEL CONSIDERABLE PRESSURE TO ACCOMMODATE

DESIRES OF INDIAN CCD DEL, WHICH PRESENTLY IS LED BY EXTREMELY FORCEFUL INDIVIDUAL (AMB. MISHRA). IN ADDITION, KNOWING THAT WHOEVER IS NOMINATED MUST BE ACCEPTABLE TO BOTH US AND USSR, SOME COULD CHOOSE TO READ APPOINTMENT OF INDIAN AS ANOTHER SIGN OF LACK OF SUPERPOWER CONCERN OVER INDIAN NUCLEAR TEST AND UNCOOPERATIVE NON-PROLIFERATION POSTURE.

7. MISSION THEREFORE SHOULD TAKE FOLLOWING APPROACHES:

(A) ASK SYG TO DEFER NAMING PASTINEN'S SUCCESSOR UNTIL WE ARE ABLE TO CONVEY RESULT OF US-SOVIET CONSULTATION ON MATTER. (DEL SHOULD POINT OUT CO-CHAIRMEN'S TRADITIONAL PROMINENT ROLE IN CONSIDERATION OF PROSPECTIVE APPOINTEES

AS SYG'S SPECIAL REP.)

(B) CONSULT WITH USSR, NOTING THAT THERE SEEMS NO REASON FOR EXCESSIVE HASTE IN NAMING NEW SPECIAL REP SINCE CCD WILL NOT CONVEY BEFORE LATE FEBRUARY AT EARLIEST. MAKING POINTS IN PARAS 1, 4, 5 AND 6 ABOVE AS APPROPRIATE, UNDERSCORE IMPORTANCE THAT NOMINEE BE AFFIRMATIVELY ACCEPTABLE TO BOTH CO-CHAIRMEN.

(C) DISCUSS SITUATION WITH FINNISH DEL EXPLAINING US WISH TO WORK MATTER OUT WITH USSR, AND MAKING THESE POINTS: WE HAVE HEARD THAT GOF MAY BE INTERESTED IN HAVING PASTINEN REPLACED BY ANOTHER FINN. WE APPRECIATE PASTINEN'S HIGHLY COMPETENT PERFORMANCE AND WOULD GIVE FINNISH CANDIDACY FOR SUCCESSIONSHIP SYMPATHETIC CONSIDERATION. IF FINLAND EXPECTS TO GO FORWARD WITH NOMINATION, WE WOULD APPRECIATE KNOWING NOMINEE'S IDENTITY AS SOON AS POSSIBLE AND BEFORE IT IS MADE
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PUBLIC. WE UNDERSTAND THAT CERTAIN OTHER COUNTRIES HAVE EXPRESSED INTEREST IN GAINING POSITION FOR THEIR NATION; THEREFORE REASONABLY EARLY GOF DECISION ON NOMINATION WOULD SEEM INDICATED. INGERSOLL UNQUOTE KISSINGER

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